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FOR SECRETARY DULLES

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SPAAK ASKED ME TO COME TO SEE HIM THIS NOON TO CONVEY TO YOU FOLLOWING MESSAGE. HE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH COME TO WASHINGTON TO SEE YOU ON GERMAN-BERLIN SITUATION. HE FEELS THAT A VISIT BY HIM WOULD BE REASSURING TO SMALLER NATO NATIONS, NOT MEMBERS OF THE FOUR, WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES HERE HAVE CONVEYED TO HIM A SENSE OF SOME FRUSTRATION REGARDING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPING POLICY LINES. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE WANTS TO DISCUSS WITH YOU VERY PRIVATELY CERTAIN IDEAS HE HAS WHICH HE IS UNWILLING TO COMMIT TO WRITING BECAUSE OF THEIR SENSITIVE NATURE. I WAS UNABLE TO GET FROM HIM ANY SPELL-OUT OF THESE IDEAS, AND DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THEY ARE A DEVELOPMENT OF, OR MODIFICATION OF, THE THOUGHTS ALREADY SENT YOU IN POLTOS 2045 AND 2073.

SPAAK SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR FRANK VIEWS AS TO WHETHER SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW. FROM HIS IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL, BUT HE SAID THAT HE HAS NO AMOUR PROPRE IN THE MATTER.

SPAAK HAS NOT INDICATED TO ANYONE ELSE, EXCEPT ST. MLEUX, HIS CHEF DE CABINET, HIS INTENTION. HE SAID HE WAS SEEING DEBRE ON MONDAY, AND WOULD BE FREE TO COME ANY TIME FROM MONDAY NIGHT ON, THE SOONER THE BETTER FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW. HE DOES NOT WANT TO SEE ANYONE ELSE IN WASHINGTON.

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DISCUSSED BRIEFLY WITH ST. MLEUX WHAT COVER MIGHT BE DEvised FOR THIS TRIP, AND BEST WE COULD THINK OF WAS TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO UP-COMING NATO MEETING IN APRIL, WHICH HAS A PRECEDENT IN SPAAK'S TRIPS TO VARIOUS CAPITALS PRIOR TO LAST DECEMBER'S MEETING.

HE WILL OF COURSE MAKE NO PLANS OR DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER BEFORE HEARING FROM YOU.

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